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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Charles A. NICOLETTE

Serial Number: 10/017,327

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For: COMPOUNDS FOR THERAPY AND

DIAGNOSIS AND METHODS FOR

USING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the attached specification.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 0001 beginning at page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/870,216, filed May 30, 2001, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/257,008 filed December 20, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/226,258 filed August 17, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/209,391 filed May 31, 2000, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into the present disclosure.--

